

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 721

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Merv Pregulman for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize those outstanding Tennesseans who have risen to the top of their respective fields and who have been honored by their peers for their professional excellence; and

WHEREAS, one such eminent resident of this State is Merv Pregulman, who will be honored at the Seventh Annual Baroness Erlanger Foundation Distinguished Physicians' Brunch on January 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the event, a fundraiser for the Baroness Erlanger Foundation, will begin with a reception at 10:00 A.M. at the Chattanooga Hotel in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pregulman was chosen to be honored for his unquestionable character, as well as his commitment and excellence in medicine to the region's medical community; and

WHEREAS, a former All-American football player for the University of Michigan Wolverines, Mr. Pregulman played in the NFL and is enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame; following his football career, he went on to a successful business career as the president and CEO of Siskin Steel & Supply Company; and

WHEREAS, Merv Pregulman also served as the chairman of the Siskin Memorial Foundation and played a leading role in building the Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation, one of the leading rehabilitation centers in the United States, as well as the development of Siskin Children's Institute; even after he retired, he remained active as the foundation's vice-chairman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pregulman has been particularly active in community service efforts directed at improving health care and has received awards from the Tennessee Medical Association and the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Medical Society; and

WHEREAS, he is especially proud of the recent establishment of The Siskin Children's Institute -T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital Center for Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics, observing, "Now children in our area with developmental disabilities can be fully diagnosed so they can be properly treated."; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Merv Pregulman and his wife, Helen, were given Chattanooga's top philanthropist honor at the Tenth Annual National Philanthropy Day Luncheon and Award Presentation, for their varied efforts since moving to Chattanooga in 1957; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly honor Mr. Pregulman's outstanding contributions to this vital profession; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Merv Pregulman upon his being honored at the Seventh Annual Baroness Erlanger Foundation Distinguished Physicians' Brunch, thank him for his years of service to the citizens of this State, and offer him our best wishes for every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.